GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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MERGER OF REGULATORY COMMISSIONS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the experts and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission have suggested to the Government to merge some of the regulatory commissions into one;

(b) : if so, the details thereof; and

(c) : the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Government of India have not received any suggestion from Central Electricity Regulatory Commission for merger of some of the regulatory commissions. However, the Ministry of Power received a proposal from the Government of Nagaland for the constitution of a Joint North Eastern Electricity Regulatory Commission for the four states namely Assam, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland. Since the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 does not have an express provision for constitution of a Joint State Electricity Regulatory Commission for two or more states, the Government of India introduced the Electricity Regulatory Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1999 in the Lok Sabha in the last winter session. The Bill provides for constitution of a Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission upon agreement between two or more states or one or more states and the Central Government in case of Union Territory. The Bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on Energy.